

Hip-boots and a Last Week's Shave.

Up at the Pacific Club the discussion was baging hot as to whether an engineer was "an individual hired to spend other people's money," or, he some disputants claimed, "an expert who can do well with one dollar what any bungler can do, after a fashion,

This reminded me of George Pitch and his "Vest Pocket" en-

comiums on the genus. Fitch says that:

'A civil engineer is a quiet man with a thick coat of sunburn, who spends his time revising climates, editing landscapes and training up rivers into lives of usefulness,

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"In order to do this, the civil engineer does not tear the earth wide open with a hondred-ton spade or perform other feats of strength. He is usually of ordinary size, and if he only used his own hands he could not push around a small creek, let alone a river. The civil engineer does not rely on muscle. When he desires to move a mountain, or wipe out a few hundred square miles of desert with a dam, he takes his logarithm book and retires to a quiet spot, where he fills an acre of brown paper full of figures. At the end of six months he emerges with a tired air and a carload of blue prints and motions to the steam shovels to come on up and get busy.

Ousy, ... The civil engineer is not generally known. This is because he in the clubs, or it "The nivil engineer is not generally known. This is because he cannot often be found on the street corners, or in the clubs, or in the net of deceating grand opers with a vast white shirt front. He usually lives in the wilderness in hip-boots and a last week's chave. The engineer is continually editing and revising nature, rearranging mountains and making rivers back up and go the other way. He is as yestless and unsatisfied with the way things look as the woman who always rearranges the parlor furp'ture while her husband is away, so that he may fall over it when he comes home in the dark and receive a pleasant surprise.

"The civil engineer has hung railroads on mountain sides, run tunnels under city streets made occaus shake hands, harmersed up

tunnels under city streets, made oceans shake hands, harnessed up Niagara Falls, made parks out of the "eatern deserts, and put a reverse gear in the Chicago river. Some day he will begin experimenting with the earth's orbit, and we may yet have Christmas at the Fourth' of July, and a weekly comet service to Mars-who knows? Logarithms and a squire jaw, working harmoniously, can do almost anything."

### . . . . . Psychology and Mountain Sickness.

A friend of mine took that Halcakala trip early in July, He climbed the trail afoot and found a bunch of tourists up at the

The sunset was gorgeous, As the clouds disappear below them The sunset was gorgeous. As the flouds disappear below them the twinkling lights of far off Wailuku began to show. A moving speck away towards Kahoolawe turned out to be only a passing cattle-boat. The stars shone and the moon rose. The glories of the evening-fall paid for all the fatigue of the flimb. Rolling in his blankets he thought to sleen. However that was where he had one more think coming. At that stage in the proceedings one of the "visiting tourists" started talking psychology. "Just think of it," my friend said, "a little handful of us up there on top of a cold, cold mountain and that bilthering idiot talking all that blessed night about his blooming soul!"

On the return trip one of the tourists was deathly sick and had to go to the huspital. The doctors called it "mountain sickness" but my friend swears it was an averlose of "psychology."

#### ..... War or Ants, Which?

Being much perturbed over the European war situation I called a family council the other day and asked the little lady who rules my destinies, "Confidentially now, Mary, which would you rather bave, war in Europe or red ants in the ice box!" Mary lacked startled and said, "Why, John, you know there isn't any such thing. Moto had all the shelves out yesterday and scalded them good, and there wasn't even a cockroneh and you ought to go inte Mrs. Brown's kitchen some time. That night we went over there to play cards I went out into the kitchen with her to help ente sandwiches because Goto, her cook, was sick and the woman had pone home and there were roaches all over the place and she had to dust those finy black ants off the cold meat, and we ought to have a new gas stove because the burner is all rusted, they some dandy new ones down at the gas company and, John, don't you think you ought to have a new suit; the children all have their new clothes ready for school and war won't hurt us out here because they wouldn't dare and what we do doesn't have anything. with Europe and they have no right to fight and kill and children and make all the poor people starve to death and oh, John. I believe that cake is burning. I told Moto to turn off the gas, he is getting so careless, and ——.'' —— Come to think of it, there are compensations in life, even when armed Europe is embattled, and the war dogs snarl at each others' throats.

The Haole Aliis.

One of the favorite remarks politically these days is "We are one of the tavorte remarks positionly these days is. We are all allis now," and somehow that remark appears to excite irritation in some quarters, notwithstanding its truth. It took Joe Cohen, however, to grab the alli stunt and put it to work for him properly. It appears that John C. Lane, campaiging on the other side of the island, decided to have a joke on Cohen as well as sow a little good political seed for himself on that stony ground, so he took his lieutenants to one side and told them: "Joe Cohen is going to be around here soon, and when he

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I want one of you to get up in his meeting and ask him if it is true that he is a Jew. Insist on an answer, because he is making a play that he wants to be asked questions by the voters." Sure enough, Cohen hove in sight some days after and was in the

midst of perfervid oration when a tall Hawaiian youth arose in the audience and asked permission to put a question. "Fire ahead,"

"Is it true, Mr. Cohen," the youth asked, "that you are a Jow?"
"Certainly," said Cohen, somewhat knocked off his feet by the
question. "Certainly I am a Jew. Why do you want to know?"
Now Lane had forgotten to prime his workers how to answer any
come-back questious, and the Hawalian could only stammer out,
"I dunno, Lane he told us to ask you. What is a Jew, suyhow,
Mr. Cohen?"

It was then that Cohen rose grandly to the occasion, "You want to know what a Jew is?" he thundered, "I am surprised at your ignorance. You know what Prince Kuhio is, dou't you. You know that he is an aliff Well, what princes are among Hawaijans, Jews are among haoles. We are the haole alii."

And right there Joe tucked away seventeen sure votes.

#### N M 18 16 15 Other People's Money.

One of the bankers tells me that a gentleman whom he knows very well, but who is not a customer of his bank, rushed in last Tuesday and asked for a short-time loan of five thousand dollars to buy

"Yesterday morning I met him on the street and he shook his fist in my face and shouted. 'Damn you. You have done me out of seven thousand dollars,' 'the banker said. All of which reminds me that the buying and selling of stocks adds not one cent, nor the value of one red herring, to the actual wealth of the community. I am glad to see the value of sugar stocks increase be-cause it puts that much added margin of security between a great

the Fourth Estate, my most valued passessions are two excellent noft, stuft pencils and a joyous mind. The thousands that I have lost by not buying sugar stocks bother my peace of mind and conscience not one whit. It would have to be "Other people's money," for me to gamble with. When stocks take a tumble, as they will some day, some poor devil will have to "hold the sack" and sweat blood for ten years or so, but it won't be me.

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Such Pitiless Publicity.

Without Mily's a lawyer, I am inclined to believe that certain of the candidates whose claims for office are so modestly set forth in the advertisements sucrounding the program of the Bostonians at the Bijon could successfully resist lawsuit to recover any amount for the space used. It is not that proper punctuation is not employed, or that the type used is not sufficiently large to attract the attention of the reader. But in at least two instances the manager of the program certainly suggests some doubts as to the reliability of the suggestions, contained in the ads.

Maybe he doesn't do it purposely; may be he's a humorist. the same, were I Al Custle or Joe Fern, I'd go out with a club for

Al sets out simply that he is a candidate and demands not re quests, that Republicans vote for him. Everybody knows the tint of what hair Al has, and the tist of the cranium where he hasn't bair. Naturally, in view of this, the playgoer wonders just what the connection is between Al's announcement and the one immediately following, in which is set forth that on Saturday evening,

ately fellowing, in which is set forth that on Saturday evening, August 8, at the Empire Theater, will be displayed a two-reel dramstic feature entitled:

'The Mystery of the Silver Skull."

Of course this is but a suspicious circumstance, and, standing alone, would amount to nothing. But somehow or other, I can't help but believe it was done on purpose. One swallow doesn't make a summer, but two help out in the belief that winter has passed. In this same program Joe Fern, affectionately terming himself "Your Uncle Joe," presents to the playgoer his phiz, and platform—both guileless, if not meaningless. He says he is "Fearless and Honest in Public Life." "Demands Honest and Efficient Government, with Equality to All," which is quite pretty if not altogether persussive.

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And then underseath, comes the announcement of the next opera to be staged by the Bostonians next week. There are three lines to the announcement. Two of these lines are in humble, unassuming type. The third makes up for this by being large, black and bold. It gives the name of the opera as "BARON HUMBUG."

In short, a person with not very good eyesight may read on this page of the program, only these words:
"Your Uncle Joe, Mayor, Baron Humbug,"
Of course Joe Cohen has nothing to do with getting out the pro-

## Business Men Need Not Be Ashamed

We have heard much of the desirability of not mixing politics with miness. Why should we not mix politics with business? Today busi-ies is practically unrepresented in congress. We have no reason to be ashnined of being business men; we have great reason to be proud of it. We might well take a leaf out of the practice of the labor unions We have atood defenseless in the eyes of the public too long.—Frank A



"This here European war's gettin' general," remarked High Private Jones, to the gang lined up waiting to draw canteen checks. "Same of these people around here were pattin' themselves on the hack because they're so far away from the muss, an' now we're havin' a free for all mixip right in our very midet."
"What's up Jones!", asked the nearest half dozen men in unison. They knew he never peddled any dope that wasn't pretty nearly correct. "Just what I'm tellin' you," replied Jones. "Fracus in the midst of our happy family. Over a the band a little while aga they pulled off the first engagement. You see they got an Austrian chrinet section, an' a German cornet section, an' Irish trombone section, an' a couple of Russians scattered around, just where they can cause the most disturbance when trouble breaks out. Then there's a drummer from one of the Balkan states, and a couple of there's a drummer from one of the Balkan states, and a couple of Englishmen among the horos.

"It's a fine layout, sin't it? You see, it don't make such a lo of difference who you are, so long as you can blow a horn or some other instrument. You don't event have to be a soldier to be in other instrument. You don't event have to be a soldier to be in the rand. Ask Jerry about it. Jerry's the cook, an' he's had to learn to cook for seven different nationalities. They only got a couple of Italians, an' when the corner section got after them because Italy didn't kick through with Germany quick enough, the Anatrian half of the clarinets statted to pitch is too an' that started the Russians, an' somebody got an eighty-dollar flute beut even his bean an's couple of Boston trambones 'Il need a trip to Phila delphia before they'll ever look like anything again.

"The reed section got the worst of the scrap, you can't fix then things an' they got to be paid for. The brass 'Il only have to pay for repairs.

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'Now, they've got 'cm all separated at meals. Four different masses, for the different nationalities, an' the neutrals all eat by the kitchen with Jerry. He's a Fins an' don't care who wins.'

'They got out all the old instruments so they'd have enough to go around an' you wait till you hear 'em.

'What's the good of gettin' out the old instruments?' usked somebody in the line, 'They'll break them up too in the next hattle.'

"They will not," said Jones. "The drum major's goin' around lookin' for somebody to hang a couple of right swings onto, and the next time this here argument's resumed America gets into the

## When Man Works Best

One gets tired of hearing that this is a "young man's age." It is ut. Young men do great work nowadays and always have and always ill. But one does not often see them at the head of the financial or

Incational or literary world.

After so-called "middle age" most of the world's great done their best work. Here are one or two instan-Darwin, author of "Origin of Species," written at

Immanuel Kant, writer of "Critique of Pure Reason," at the ag

of 57.

Herbert Spencer made a rough outline of his "Synthetic Philosophy when 40 years old, wrote "Principles of Psychology" when 52 years old and "Justice" at 71 years.

Richard Wagner accomplished more after the age of 50 than before The entire "Niebbungen Ring" appeared when he was 60 years old and "Parsifal" was written when he was 64 years old.

Haydn composed "The Creation" at 67 years of age, and "The Sea ones" ages ages and "The Sea

ms' some years later. Christopher Columbus was 56 years old when he discovered America Goethe did most of his literary work after he had reached 65 years Probably his greatest work was written when he was 80 years old. Among others who did brilliant work between the ages of 40 and vere Humboldt, Lord Kelvin, Faraday and John Fiske.

As an example of wonderful physical ability there is none who

setter fitted to be ranked among the greatest of Americans than the tiged pedestrian, Edward Payson Weston, who has scored most of his conderful walking records since he was 50.—Toledo Blade.

# Slavs Versus Germans-The Fundamental Cause of The War

If we are actually on the brink of a general European war, as est of the Czar to lead and direct it. From that moment of choic seems likely enough, its cause will not be the assassination of the the Czar became the right leader of the Slav peoples. Irrespective Crown Prince of Austria by a Servian fanatic. Princes have been of boundaries, he was the recognized chief of the Slav world. And of murdered times without number, but such crimes have seldom or pitted against him was the Emperor of Germany, or rather the King is never led to war. Nations do not hold each other responsible for of Prussia. Eastern Europe was practically invited to make he the deeds of maniacs. Nor would such a war be caused by Austria's choice between the rule of the Hohenzollerus and the rule of the aggressive demands for reparation. No such demands would have been made against Switzerland, for example, or against Greece, if the assessin had happened to belong to one of those nations. Evifeatly there must be some deep-seated reason for Austria's hostility to Servia in particular, some reason that far transcends in importance the immediate act that has brought such a conflict into being. And the discovery of that reason shows that it is not to be removed mediations or conferences. These might indeed have postponed the conflict, but they could not have prevented it. And that reason is the colossal movement known as Panslavism. Arrayed against that movement is another colossal movement known as Pangermanism. These are the titable forces now facing each other over miles of serried bayonets. Even though an immediate clash might have been prevented it seems to be on the book of fate that it should come at some time, Austria represents Pangermanism and Servia represents Panslavism. Behind Austria stands Germany, also and naturally Pangerman. Behind Servia stands Russia, and Russia is Pan-

The Germans and the Slavs stand face to face in all the countries of casters Europe, and wherever they are found thus confronting each other there are always the possibilities of civil war. The Pangerman movement may be said to have had its faint beginnings in 1813 after the overthrow of Napoleon. The war with Austria was a war for German supremacy in Austrian affairs, and the conflict has been continued by diplomacy ever since. The dream of a greater Germany that shall include all German speaking peoples grew steadily into semething more than a dream. It became, a national ideal and a national policy that has been pursued steadfastly like all than any other empire—and its boundaries extend from Mount Atho German policies. Every one knows the song that ends with the to Tergion, from Servia to Breslau, from the land of the Cossack O nein O nein, sein Vaterland muss groesser sein."

Certainly every German knows it, and perhaps there is no other song that grouses a like enthusiasm. It means that the greater Fatherland must embrace all peoples using the German tougue, and this is the vision that has guided German diplomacy in her dealings with Europe. In necordance with that diplomacy the Pangermans raised a fierce protest against the Austrian decree granting to the Czechs the right to use their own language for official purposes as well as German. It was denounced as a blow to the Pangerman ambitions, and it was onestly maintained that Germany should lend all her aid sugar stocks. 'On my good name and reputation,' as security. The and it was openly maintained that Germany should lend all her aid banker politicly declined, saying that, while be appreciated the to the Austrian government to maintain the supremacy of the Germanbling opportunities which the immediate situation presents, the man element among her people and to keep the Slavs in subjection bank's money is other people's money and banks do not do busi- and subordination. Pangermanism is a real thing. From a senti-The and it was openly maintained that Germany should lend all her aid the to the Austrian government to maintain the supremacy of the Ger-

The following article on the causes of the war in Europe was be in defense not so much of Servin as of a menaced Panslavism written by Sidney Coryn, for the August I issue of the San Francisco Argonaut. It is republished for the information it contains, But Russin was not enthusiastic for the movement when it was in not for the opinions it expresses:

The history of many plants of the causes of the war in Europe was be in defense not so much of Servin as of a menaced Panslavism She was high an entire the movement when it was in its infancy. She was big enough to be indifferent to the demands for a great leader that were raised by the small Slav autionalities. vs always a cause that is fundamental and among whom the movement had been born, The flistory of wars shows always a cause that is fundamental and persisting as well as one that is immediate and provocative. The short-sighted observer looks only at the latter, which is usually some thing trivial, and so wonders what all the fuss is about. Wars are actually gendered in the slow-brooding kinds of men and narrared by the great and abiding sentiments of nationality and race. When these are matured into explosive magnitude comes the provocative acident as a spark to the magnitude comes the provocative acident as a spark to the magnitude. But the actual cause of conflict is further back.

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If we are actually on the brink of a general European war as a little suspicions of popular entiminams which, if encouraged might easily turn against the autocrave. But Russia was speedily turn against the autocrave. But Russia was a real thing and that it would be convinced. She saw that Panslavian was a real thing and that it would be made to mean Russian influence in every country of eastern by the great and abiding sentiments of nationality and race. When the great and abiding sentiments of nationality and race. When the great and abiding sentiments of nationality and race. When the great and abiding sentiments of nationality and race. When the great and abiding sentiments are all the great and abiding sentiments are all the great and the might easily turn against the autocrave. But Russian influence in extendity convinced. She saw th zar. Every country contains alike the Slav element and the Ger nan element, the former working for the Czar of Russia, the latte for the King of Prussia. With the Slav in Constantinople we see the eastern empire once more dominant and the dream of piou ages fulfilled. The bones of Constanting would surely clothe them elves once more with flesh to celebrate so mighty a triumph. Byzan ium would be reincarnated. Here we find the key to all policie if eastern Europe. Actually there is only one policy, one cause one quarrel. Every event, from the bullet of the assausin to a dec aration of war, takes its place in the drama of condict between the Serman and the Slav.

> The Slave mean business. There need be no doubt about that Politics in eastern Europe is not a matter of money-making nor o personal ambition. It is a crusade, and God and His Holy Ange are its leaders. It is waged with all the fervors of religion. Notes the passion of poetry and the fervor of oratory. Mr. Angel Rappoport, writing over a year ago, quotes as follows from the Panslav poet, Kollar: "The head of the dear goddess Slava (Glory eated on a throne of gold, is Russia. The Lechs constitute her body he Czechs her atms and bands, the Serbs are her two feet, whil the other populaces are the weapons. Europe should fall on he knees before this idol, whose head is towering about the clouds anywhose feet will shake the terrestrial globe. This giant-virgin put one of her feet on the Bosphorus and the other on the Adriatic; sh unites into one nation all the Slavonic races; Serbians, and Russians and Poles, and all those who dwell on the banks of the Elbe, Weser, and of the Rhine. This nation inhabits an empire vast to Ragusa, and from Kamtshatka to Japan. All this is the lan Slavs. Slavism is discharging its roaring waves like a deluge." Now making all allowances for poetic fervor and for the divine afflatus, this is an extensive program. But it trees the hear of the Slav, who is rather apt to think in poetry, a reprehensible proceeding by Western standards, but it is just as well to beware of people who think in poetry. They are upt to fight rather stren

Danilevsky in his "Europe and Russia" gives us another glimp of Slav ambitions. He savet "The European nations have eithe fulfilled or failed in their missions. Either they are in a state o stagnation or of rapid decay. Only Possia is youne, fresh and vigo man element among her people and to keep the Slave in subjection and subordination. Pangermanism is a real thing. From a sentiment it has become a national policy, not only in Germany herself, but also in Austria. It binds the Germans of Austria to the Germans of Germany. It is a patriotism without frontiers. It is a sentiment that looks over and beyond the existing national boundaries to a time when there shall be a great German federation granting its franchises of citizenship to all German-speaking peoples. granting its franchises of citizenship to all German-speaking peoples, must disappear from the face of the earth and be replaced by system reigning at Archangel, Vladivostok and Sebastopol. A tor welded Riseia and Servia into a community of sentiment in the Romance lands, and shove the waters of the general flood only the present crisis. The blow that Austria has struck senious Servia is lofty summit of the Kremlin will tower majoriteally. Societies which many of my neighbors and the abject poverty and total loss of the general fload only the their savings that many had feared. I always stop outside the blow that Austria has struck sominated as a lefty summit of the Kremlin will tower mainteally. Societies which broker's windows, read the latest quotations, and rejoice at my directed estensibly at Servia, but actually at Panslavism. If Russ are old and have lived—which have fulfill their historical mis friend's good fortune and joy, but, like most of the disciples of sian should join hands with Servia, as of course she will do, it will (Continued on page eight.)

## Small Talks

SUPERVISOR PACHECO.-Why should I accertise myself; am not pretty well known already?

DAVID KALAUOKALANI. F. C. Benevedes had the nerve to the his nomination petition for city and county clerk. My job. J. S. MARTIN .- I am not a candidate for public office. Some of as original Democrats have to stay behind and he "the voting

FRANK B. McSTOCKER .- I wish we had finished the Kaliki channel and Kapalama basin. We are going to need more harbor space

JACK LUCAS ... It is dead easy. There is nothing to it. I will win in a walk with plenty of votes to spare. It's that kind of a hame to take the money.

JONATHAN SMILING .- I began to get an insight into the tenchngs of Christian Science when I made a preliminary study of Ku-LEM ABLES.-Who in the world named that bunch a "Carnival"

'ommittee!' They remind me more of a select gathering of under-akers who have gathered together to figure on raising the price of

ED TOWSE.—If this were a war for human rights or for vital risciples it might call for a halt in business or pleasure, but it is ot such a war. Let us go ahead with the carnival and make 1915 banner year. HENRY DRUSE .- If the people of Honolulu want the best man

recurable as city trensurer, all they have to do is to elect Lloyd lonkling. If they prefer a less capable man for that job, there are everal to choose from. JOSEPH P. DIAS,-I do not believe the license commission sho

rant a license to sell beer or other intoxicants for the Nossa Sen-ors do Monte feast at Kalihi Valley on August 15 and 16. The as booze at feasts of this nature the better it will be all around. C. H. ATHERTON, Governor Pinkham asked me to come and

beer him up occasionally with my latest special news service from he sent of war. I don't like to go every day because I don't like o get my name into the official list of visitors. Have you heard hat story about the

KAMA KEAUHOU.—It is an insult to a Hawaiian to put your ands in your pockets while you stand talking to him. The most prominent feature of the photograph of himself that one of the haole andidates is displaying is the location of his hands. I wonder how cany Hawaiian votes he thinks he is going to get?

JAMES WAKEFIELD.—There is one factor in this war that has seen overlooked, the influence of socialism, or what is called social-sm for lack of a better name, throughout Europe. European socialsm is nothing more than the spirit of democracy. This war will beide whether militarism or rationalism in government is to prevail P. W. P. BLUETT I came down from Kohala to register at the lritish consulate for service if I am needed, although it is some ime since I left the British Navy. We had twenty-five inches of ain in the Kohala Mountains in the last week of July and the rice of Scotch whiskey has gone up already. I tell you, war is

J. F. BROWN.-If I had what these European Powers are spend-J. F. BROWN.—If I had what these European Powers are spending in fifteen minutes of their war you would not eatch me riding in any old Rapid Transit car. I would go careening down the treet on the wings of joy! War is a devilish game where the memorithe top get the glory. All that the common people have to do is supply the corpses and pay the cost.

W. O. SMITH.—I want to add my protest against the idea of alling the 1915 carnival off. Because there is a war in Europe is all the more reason that we should make it known to the traveling sublic of the United States and Canada that Hawaii is the land of peace and enjoyment. Every effort should be made to get these

f pence and enjoyment. Every effort should be made to get these ourists to come here, as it will be impossible for them to go to Europe next year if the war continue.

ARMIN HANEBERG.—Ronn is the ideal small farming district of all Hawnii and coffee is the crop that has made this district a carden spot. There are several thousand three, five, eight and ten acre homesteads occupied by farmers of all nationalities. The coffee rop is always a money-maker. The prosperity of Kona depends on offee. Other industries are going to succeed there, especially tobacto and rotton, but coffee will always be the mainstay and backbone

RUDOLPH HEYDENRICH.—Calling the carnival off is about as, coolish a piece of business as I have heard of in many a long day, May should we close down because they have a war in Europe? We never get any tourists from the Continent to amount to anything snyway. Now is the time to go after the tourist crop that Suropean watering places have been living off for many years. Havail never had a bigger or a better chance for a large tourist crop han it has this year and along comes the carnival committee and spills the beaus. Ach! such a business!!

ROSEWELL B. LAWRENCE. - To anyone interested in the ROSEWELL B. LAWRENCE. — To anyone interested in the elentific study of incustains, especially extinct volcanoes, your Haleakala is a wonderful study. But, don't tell people it is a live volcano. It does not compare with Kilauea. I have climbed Fujii yama, Stinsta, Pike's Peak and a good many other higher monntains. The feature of the Haleakala trip is to watch the sun rise above the clouds, a phenomenon occasionally seen from other high peaks. Apparently you can count on it every day. With only one thin cotton blanket for two of us, "waiting for sunrise" lasted all night in that wind swept stone hut on Haleakala, with the thermoneter at 43

CAPT, AARON C. SIMERSON.-The Kona people all jumped ne because I said they were going to have a four-million dollar coffee crop. I told them I wasn't talking about their coffee but about my own plantation. There is a little company in Kons they call the Captain Cook Coffee Company. My plantation is going to be the Captain Noah Coffee Company, because Captain Noah was he biggest sea captain there ever was. This Captain Cook was only he biggest see captain there ever was. This Captain Cook was only a little fellow. All he ever did was to steal a royal princess from Knawaloz and get killed for it. Captain Noah was a hig man. Tona may not have a million-dollar coffee crop but the Captain Noah coffee is worth four times as much. 'I know because it

CHARLES S. DESKY,-My home in Germany was in the province of Posen right on the Russian border, three or four miles from Calisz mentioned in the war news a few days ago. I left there hirty-two years ago and have no near relatives in Germany. A ittle creek separates the two countries. I have waded across many time in boyhood days—it was only knee deep, and about as wide as Fort street. We hoys swam, fished and played there. All of but part of Germany is a great, flat, open, plain like the Kansas trairies. The soil is deep and fertile. Every inch of Posen is cultiated in crops of wheat, rye, barley, oats, hay, potatoes and sugar seets, with belts of planted forests. There are no waste lands in

JOHN P. MELANPHY.—As a boy I was a sailor and have been all over the North Sea. The Dogger Banks reaching from the Engish coast to Holland and the German seaboard is all shoal The fishing boats and trawlers anchor almost anywhere. The shoals the fishing boats and trawiers anchor annual tracks the waters dangerous because of the short, choppy seas. In the Hamburg and Bremen were free cities. The Hamburg hose days Hamburg and Bremen were free cities. The Hamburg lag like the American stars and stripes. I have been all through he Zunder Zee and the Dutch and German waterways, up the Swelish coast, to Cronstad and St. Petersburg. I was in a shipwreck. Ve went to pieces on the Island of Gothland and I traveled 400 hiles across Sweden to Stockholm. That was just after the Crimean

EDGAR HENRIQUES .- The Kamehameha Day Celebration Comnittee will celebrate next year absolutely irrespective of the degree f frozen toes and cold feet exhibited by the Carnival directors. There will not be any ten-cent circus parades either on Kamehameha bay. When tourists come to Hawaii they want to see Hawaiian ustoms. On the mainland they have a chance to see the real thing circuses, all the way from the Wild Man from Borneo to the nan-eating Bengal tiger and the latest in Siminas. Our committees re meeting daily. The Hawaiian people invite their friends to oin with them in next year's celebration. We are preparing a oin with them in next year's celebration. We are preparing a cries of free pageants and spectacles representing the old Hawaiian ustoms and people that will far excel any event ever presented in lawaii. Cold feet? The Hawaiians aren't built that way.

JOHN B. FREITAS .- The hundreds of little Chinese and Japaiese storekeepers all through Hawaii have adopted what is practically the department store idea of the big cities. Their stores are in head emporiums. Merchandising in Hawaii differs from that if the mainland in many essentials. Our storekeepers have a limitd market and cannot make the same rapid turn over of stock as the mainland. Hence, retail profits have to average thirty to hirty-five percent to yield eight to ten per cent annual net profit n capital employed. Mainland storekeepers charge ten to fifteen er cent but make rapid turnovers. At the little town of Kent, Vashington, where I used to live, some of the small storekeepers enewed practically their entire stock every thirty days. In ail they are lucky if they can do so twice a year. I believe the lonolulu market is getting wide enough in the volume of its genral trading for these small merchants to specialize to a greater tent, simply handling those lines for which there is rapid sale, 'he country "general store," with samples of everything from core and condy to tooth brushes and fit hooks, is out of place for